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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of  
Toshikazu YABE, et al.

Docket No: Q80622

Appln. No.: 10/804,142

Group Art Unit: 3682

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Examiner: Peter MULCAHY

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For: RUBBER MATERIAL COMPOSITION AND LINEAR MOTION APPARATUS

**Request for Consideration of Supplemental Preliminary Amendment**

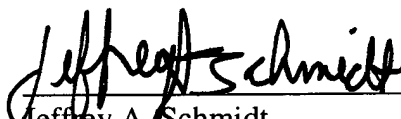
**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants have received an Office Action mailed on June 28, 2004. However, the June 28 Office Action does not take into account new claims 9-64 as added by the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed on June 1, 2004. Accordingly, it appears that the June 1 Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and the June 28 Office Action "crossed in the mail". Accordingly, Applicants hereby request a new Office Action that addresses the June 1 Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, including new claims 9-64.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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